

# TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION REPORT

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## CHAPTER 1.1.1.

### GENERAL DEFINITIONS

#### Article 1.1.1.1.

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*:

#### *Animal welfare*

means the state of animal as regards its attempts to cope with its environment and includes both the extent of failure to cope and the ease or difficulty in coping.

#### ~~*Approved abattoir*~~

~~means premises used for the slaughter of *animals* for human consumption or animal feeding and approved by the *Veterinary Authority* for export purposes.~~

#### ~~*Area of direct transit*~~

~~means a special area established in a *transit country*, approved by the relevant *Veterinary Authority* and placed under its immediate control, where *animals* stay for a short time pending further transport to their final destination.~~

#### ~~*Breeding birds*~~

~~means birds kept for the purpose of producing *hatching eggs*.~~

#### ~~*Collecting centre*~~

~~means a premise or a place where *animals for breeding or rearing* or *animals for slaughter* from different *establishments* or *markets* are collected together.~~

#### *Commodity*

means live *animals*, products of animal origin, animal genetic material, intended for human consumption, for animal feeding, for pharmaceutical or surgical use or for agricultural or industrial use, semen, embryos/ova, biological products and *pathological material*.

#### ~~*Flock of birds*~~

~~means any group of birds continuously housed in one building or part of a building separated from other parts of that building by a solid partition and having its own ventilation system, or, in the case of free range birds, any group of birds having common access to one or more buildings or More than one flock of birds may exist in one *establishment*.~~

#### *Flock*

means a number of animals of one kind kept together under human control or a congregation of gregarious wild animals. For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, a flock is usually regarded as an *epidemiological unit*.

### *Herd*

means a number of animals of one kind kept together under human control or a congregation of gregarious wild animals. For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, a herd is usually regarded as an *epidemiological unit*.

### *Infected country*

means a country in which the absence of the *disease* under consideration has not been demonstrated by the requirements specified in the *Terrestrial Code* being met.

### *Infection*

means the ~~presence of the pathogenic agent in the host~~ entry and development or multiplication of an infectious agent in the body of men or animals.

### *Laying birds*

means birds kept for the purpose of producing eggs not intended for hatching.

### *Monitoring*

means the ~~continuous investigation of~~ intermittent performance and analysis of routine measurements, aimed at changes in the environment or health status of a ~~given~~ population or subpopulation, and its environment, to detect changes in the prevalence of a ~~disease~~ or characteristics of a pathogenic agent.

### *Official veterinary control*

means that the *Veterinary Services* knows the location of the *animals* and the identity of their owner or responsible keeper and is able to apply appropriate animal health measures, as required.

### *Quarantine station*

means a ~~facility~~ place under the control of the *Veterinary Services* where animals are maintained in isolation with no direct or indirect contact with other animals, to prevent the transmission of specified pathogen(s) while the *animals* are undergoing observation for a specified length of time and, if appropriate, testing and treatment.

### *Risk*

means the likelihood of the occurrence and the likely magnitude of the consequences of an adverse event to animal or human health in the *importing country* during a specified time period, as a result of a ~~hazard~~.

### *Risk assessment*

means the evaluation of the likelihood and the biological and economic consequences of entry, establishment, ~~or~~ and spread of a ~~pathogenic agent~~ hazards within the territory of an *importing country*.

### *Sanitary measure*

means ~~any~~ a measure ~~applied~~, such as those described in various chapters of the *Terrestrial Code*, designed to protect animal or human health or life within the territory of the Member ~~Country~~ from risks arising from the entry, establishment or spread of a hazard. ~~[Note: A detailed definition of sanitary measure may be found in the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization.]~~

### *Surveillance*

means ~~the investigation of a given population or subpopulation to detect the presence of a pathogenic agent or disease; the frequency and type of surveillance will be determined by the epidemiology of the pathogenic agent or disease, and the desired outputs~~ the systematic ongoing collection, collation, and analysis of data and the timely dissemination of information to those who need to know so that action can be taken.

### *Veterinary Services*

means the governmental and non-governmental organisations that implement animal health and welfare measures and other standards and guidelines in the *Terrestrial Code* in the country. The Veterinary Services are under the overall control and direction of the *Veterinary Authority*. Private sector organisations or veterinarians are normally accredited or approved to deliver functions by the *Veterinary Authority*.